THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (d) Hon'ble member has mentioned NH-24 which is between Delhi and Lucknow. However the National Highway connecting Gumla to Rourkela via Simdega in Jharkhand is NH-23. Total length of NH-23 from Gumla to Orissa border via Simdega in Jharkhand is 121.20 km. of which 71 km. is single lane having carriageway width of 3.0 metre and balance length is two lane having carriageway width of 7.0 metre. Out of 71 km. single lane, 25 km. length has already been sanctioned for widening to two lane and widening of 18 km. length to two lane has been included in the Annual Plan 2006-07. Widening of remaining length will depend upon availability of funds and *inter se* priority of works.

Traffic density In Rajasthan

365. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the traffic density on Golden Quadrilateral portion in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, whether Government feel that these traffic density needs six-laning of Golden Quadrilateral in Rajasthan; and

(c) if so, by when this work is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. Proposal for six laning of whole Golden Quadrilateral including those passing through Rajasthan is included under National Highway Development Project (NHDP) Phase V.

(c) Proposal is at preliminary stage and as such it is too early to indicate the date of start.

Construction of plastic road

366. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Ministry of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any scheme to construct plastic roads in the country;